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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS EXCHANGES ON
INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ON CSCE/MBFR

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HELSINKI FOR USDEL MPT; VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. AT MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL APRIL 4
TO RECEIVE DEMARCHE ON YUGOSLAV ROLE AT PANAMA SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING, YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR GRANFIL DEVELOPED
THEME OF MAINTAINING GOOD US- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AND NEED
TO OVERCOME CERTAIN " MISUNDERSTANDINGS." HE REFERRED TO
MISLEADING US PRESS STORIES ABOUT CENTRALIZATION IN
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YUGOSLAVIA AND EXPRESSED NEED FOR MORE CONTACTS AND EXPLORATORY TALKS TO SERVE OUR GOOD RELATIONS AND MUTUAL INTERESTS.

2. IN VIEW OF " SOME UNCERTAINTY" IN US ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGES IN YUGOSLAVIA, GRANFIL STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF TALKS AMONG RANKING US AND YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS AND ALLUDED TO THE YUGOSLAV INVITATIONS FOR CABINET MEMBERS TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA. GRANFIL ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST OF AMBASSADOR DJURO NINCIC, COUNSELOR AT FSFA, IN COMING TO WASHINGTON IN MAY FOR TALKS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY.

3. STOESEL SAID WE S WHILE THIS NOT IMPORTANT PROBLEM SO FAR, IT CONSTITUTES FORM OF

GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WHICH WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM, IF, FOR EXAMPLE, FRENCH GOVERNMENT WERE TO DO SAME. JOHNSON ALSO BELIEVES THAT WITH INCREASING USE OF DUBBED FOREIGN MATERIAL ON LATIN AMERICAN TELEVISION, DIALECT SENSITIVITIES WILL BE REDUCED IN FUTURE.

4. IN REGARD TO CEILINGS ON FILM PRICES AND RENTAL RATES, JOHNSON EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE LIMITATIONS ARE PROMULGATED BY SINDICATO, AS EMBASSY POINTS OUT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT COMMERCE MINISTRY IS ENFORCING AGENCY THROUGH ITS POWER TO GRANT OR WITHHOLD LICENSES.

5. MPEAA VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEDITERRANEAN AREA, MARC SPIEGEL, IS IN MADRID NOW AND WILL BE CONTACTING EMBASSY IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO. DEPT HAS RECOMMENDED TO MPEAA THAT SPIEGEL ALSO CONTACT LOCAL INDUSTRY REPS TO COORDINATE PRIORITIES AS PER EMBASSY SUGGESTION.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTED RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO SPIEGEL.

7. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1) WHEN WAS CEILING ON FILM PRICES AND RENTAL RATES ADOPTED, AND (2) CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM IF DISTRIBUTION QUOTAS WERE IMPOSED SUBSEQUENT TO SPANISH ACCESSION TO GATT? ROGERS

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